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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL AND IN COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY, WE REPORT HEREIN ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF SPEECHES GIVEN AT SEVENTH PLENUM OF CENTRAL COMMITTE OF COMMUIST PARTY OF CROATIA(LCC) HELD IN ZAGREB ON NOVEMBER 20 OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. REFERRING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF PROCOMINFORMISTS, PLANINC SAID "NATURALLY" THEY GET SUPPORT FROM ABROAD AND ARE TIED TO COMINFORMIST EMIGRES. LIKE THE NATIONALISTS (USTASHI, CHETNIK, ETC.), THEY REGARD THE YUGOSLAV ARMY AND THE SECURITY SERVICE AS THEIR MAIN OBSTACLES TO FULFILLING THEIR AIMS. PLANINC SAID THE PARTY MUST ADMIT THAT, AFTER SUCCESSFULLY DEALING WITH CROATIAN NATIONALISM IN 1971-1972, IT HAD NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY ALERT AND ATTENTIVE TO EVENTS ON THE COMINFORMIST FRONT. SHE CALLED FOR ACTION NOW AND NOTED THAT THE PRESIDIUM OF THE LCC HAD RECENTLY CONFIRMED THAT SOME BASIC PARTY ORGANI-ZATIONS HAD BEEN LAX IN DEALING WITH ANTISELF- MANAGEMENT TEN-DENCIES AND PRESSURES.

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2. YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT BAKARIC SAID THE "SECOND

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GROUP" OF COMINFORMISTS WAS SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN
THE "BAR GROUP" AND HAD A DOCUMENTED PROGRAM. THE "NEWEST
DOCUMENTS" ARE VERY DIFFERENT, HE SAID. "THEY COUNT ON SUPPORT
FROM ABROAD, BUT OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EASTERN COUNTRIES ARE
CONSTANTLY IMPROVING; THEREFORE IT IS NATURALLY DIFFICULT FOR
THEM TO SAY THAT WE ARE TRAITORS IF AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERN-
MENTS OF ALL THESE COUNTRIES COOPERATE WITH US AND SEEK BETTER
RELATIONS ... ONE SEES ARTICLES IN SOME NEWSPAPERS OF THESE
COUNTRIES WHICH ARE COMPLETELY IDENTICAL WITH THOSE DOCUMENTS AND
WITH ELEMENTS OF THAT PROGRAM. THEY OBVIOUSLY COME FROM A
COUNCIL HELD ABROAD."

3. BAKARIC ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO HOSTILE EMIGRE GROUPS, WHICH
ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE THE IMPRESSION OF INSTABILITY IN YUGOSLAVIA.
HE SAID THAT DURING THE PAST TOURIST SEASON THEY HAD ATTEMPTED
A WHOLE SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS INTENDED TO TAKE MANY INNOCENT
VICTIMS IN ORDER TO STIR UP THE POPULATION AND GENERATE EXCITE-
MENT. BUT, THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, WITH THE COOPERATION
OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, DID MUCH "TO PREVENT THE WORST."

4. LCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, MARKO BEZER, SAID THAT OF THE
378 COMINFORMISTS FROM CROATIA, WHO ARE ACTIVE ABROAD, 202 ARE
ACTIVE IN THE WEST AMONG THE 300,000 MIGRANT WORKERS FROM CROATIA.
BEZER ALSO DISCLOSED THAT SEVEN PERSONS ARE NOW IN JAIL IN CROATIA
ACCUSED OF COMINFORMIST ACTIVITY. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME PARTY
ORGANIZATIONS HAD BEEN SLOW IN REACTING TO THESE COMINFORMIST
ACTIVITIES SO THAT THE UNDESIRABLE IMPRESSION WAS CREATED THAT
THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES WERE AHEAD OF THE PARTY.

5. COMMENT: THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CROATIA HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY
STRENUOUS AND ACTIVE IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST HOSTILE
FORCES. CROATIA IS OF COURSE THE MOST FREQUENTLY VISITED TOURIST
AREA OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THEREFORE PRESUMABLY MORE VULNERABLE TO
PENETRATION. THESE IS ALSO A LONG HISTORY OF PROBLEMS WITH
CROATIAN NATIONALISTS; YET, IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE CROATIAN PARTY
LEADERSHIP IS SENSITIVE AND IS MAKING A PARTICULAR EFFORT TO
DEMONSTRATE ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND ITS BONAFIDES OF LOYALTY TO THE
YUGOSLAV NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. KAISER

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